

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please replace pending Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 with the amended Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6, as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A can sealing apparatus comprising:

a cap base having an upper surface and an outer perimeter, said outer perimeter of said cap base dimensioned to facilitate insertion of said cap base into a flip-top can lid opening and

a cap top defined by a peripheral flange extending outwardly relative to said outer perimeter of said cap base, proximate a first end of said cap base, said peripheral flange defining a generally flat C-shaped member having a first end and a second end, and by a flip-top can tab framing member receiving port positioned proximate said first end of said cap base and proximate said outer perimeter of said cap base, said flip-top can tab framing member receiving port defined in a non-flange region between said first end and said second end of said C-shaped member, thereby facilitating placement of flip-top can tab framing member receiving port of said can sealing apparatus in a position proximate to the exterior edges of an opened flip-top can tab that is extended vertically relative to the flip-top can lid surface.

2. (Previously Submitted) The can sealing apparatus of claim 1, wherein said cap base further comprises an interior wall, said interior wall extending from said upper surface to said peripheral flange of said cap top, thereby defining a depression.

3. (Cancelled) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein there is a gap in the peripheral flange which allows the pull tab to fit over the depression.~~

4. (Cancelled) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an inner wall which connects the depression to the peripheral flange.~~

5. (Previously Submitted) A method of sealing an opened pull-tab can, comprising the steps of:

A. obtaining an opened pull-tab can;

B. obtaining a cap having a top and a bottom, said bottom having peripheral dimensions corresponding to the pull-tab can opening, said top being generally flat with peripheral dimensions greater than the pull-tab can opening, and said top having a notch defining an area at least slightly greater than the width of the can pull-tab;

C. positioning said cap with said notch of said top proximate the can pull-tab;

D. inserting said bottom of said cap into the pull-tab can opening, and

E. sealably covering the pull-tab can opening with said cap.

6. (Previously Submitted) The method of claim 5 wherein said cap further comprises a depression said depression defined in said top; and

further comprising step C': inserting the can pull-tab into said depression.

7. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 6 wherein~~
~~there is a gap in the peripheral flange which allows the pull~~
~~tab to fit over the depression.~~

8. (Cancelled) ~~The method of claim 6 wherein~~
~~the cap is comprised of an inner wall which connects the~~
~~depression to the peripheral flange.~~